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Application of: Costa *et al.*

Application No.: 09/332,522

Filed: June 14, 1999

For: Animal Models and Methods  
for Analysis of Lipid Metabolism  
and Screening of Pharmaceutical  
and Pesticidal Agents that  
Modulate Lipid Metabolism

Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Shukla, R.

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**AMENDMENT, REPLY, AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.114)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the advisory action mailed February 14, 2002. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a petition for extension of time, with authorization to charge fees, are filed herewith. Formal drawings are also submitted herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional required fees to deposit account no. 50-1108.

**AMENDMENT**

Please enter amendments to claims and specification requested in the Amendment and Reply After Final Action, filed 01/03/02, as indicated on the RCE transmittal filed herewith.

**Amendment to the Specification**

Please cancel Figures 3A – 10. Please further delete the descriptions of Figures 3A – 10, on page 5 lines 7-21.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 56 lines 34-36 and continuing on page 57 lines 1-7, and replace it with the following: